

III. REMARKS

Status of the Claims

Claims 1 and 4 are canceled. Claims 1,2,4, and 5 remain under consideration.

Summary of the Office Action

Claims 1,2,4 and 5 stand rejected under 35USC103(a) on the basis of the cited reference Holmes, et al, U.S. Patent No. 6,334,056 in view of the disclosure of Wallent et al, U.S. Patent No. 6,366,912. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider his rejection in view of the following remarks.

Applicant has amended the claims to clarify the novel features of the invention for which protection is sought in this application. These amendments are submitted after final rejection in order to place the claims in condition for allowance or in the alternative to place the claims in better condition for appeal. The Examiner is requested to exercise his discretion and enter these amendments.

The Invention

Claims 1 and a claim 4 are amended to make it abundantly clear that the invention sought to be protected in this application is a mobile communications device, such as a mobile telephone which is constructed to determine if inquiries made to the mobile telephone from its communication network are external, i.e. potentially hostile, or internal, i.e. friendly. Two independent display zones are set up in the display screen of the mobile device. External inquiries are routed to one of the displays. Only internal inquiries are routed to the other display. A

warning display may be routed to the other display indicating that an inquiry is external. This process is to protect the user of a mobile telephone from bogus inquiries from a server through the mobile communications network.

The Examiner continues to reject the claims of this application by citing a system (Holmes) for protecting a local area network from incursions into its server generated from mobile telephones.

The solution of Holmes is directed to a different problem. It does not teach a system, internal to a mobile communications device, for identifying an inquiry as external or internal and restricting display routing accordingly or directing an indicator symbol to a display, separate from the displayed inquiry.

To this teaching, which does not relate to the internal processing of information within a mobile telephone, the Examiner seeks to combine the disclosure of Wallent, et al.. Wallent describes an Internet browser facility for use on a personal computer. It should be noted at the outset, that neither teaching relates to the internal processing of information within a mobile telephone.

As part of the browser function Wallent provides a means by which Web sites may be classified by the user into security categories, such as "intranet", "trusted", "restricted" and "internet". The "intranet" designation relates to the firewall of the security of software for the personal computer, "trusted" relates to sites that have been designated by the user as reliable, conversely "restricted" are those that are not reliable. The "Internet" is a generic, unclassified grouping. This system is responsive to the user's selections and designations. The software facility described in Wallent does not support an independent

determination of whether an inquiry is internal or external as in the claims under consideration. It relates to an interactive browser application on a personal computer and is not applicable to a mobile telephone. The software of Wallent would demand extensive processing capability far in excess of anything available in a mobile communications device.

The Examiner continues also to equate windows in a software application to independent passive and dynamic display zones. This is unfounded and applicant submits that the claims of this application define patentable subject matter on this basis alone, since Holmes also does not teach multiple display zones.

Although the browser application of Wallent may be adaptable for use in the intranet system of Holmes, no person skilled in the art would recognize the resulting combined system as applicable to a mobile telephone. Neither of the references are directed to assisting the security of mobile cell phone usage, in particular with respect to security code inquiries from external sources. The processing capability of a cell phone would be overwhelmed by the demands of the browser of Wallent, not to mention the processing capacity required by the combination with the intranet access system of Holmes.

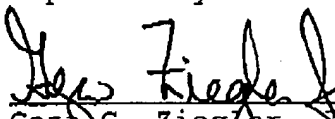
The combination of teachings relied on by the Examiner do not therefore support the rejection based on obviousness. It would not be obvious to a person skilled in the art that the combined teachings would even relate to the problem addressed in the subject application much less that such teaching could be combined to obtain the system described in the claims of this application.

In view of the remarks stated above, Applicant submits that all of the claims under consideration contain patentable subject matter and favorable action by the Examiner is respectfully requested.

Should any unresolved issues remain, the Examiner is invited to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

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